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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment requiring an additional fee in the above-identified application.

The fee has been estimated as shown below.

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Multiple Dependent Claims						ľ

Total additional fee for this

\$388.00

## amendment

Please charge the above fee to our Account No. 04-1512. If this estimate is incorrect, please charge or credit our account accordingly. Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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EV 318531546 US September 10, 2003 I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Mark S. Scott DATE OF SIGNATURE

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Sir:

# **RESPONSE A**

This is a Response to the Office Action, mailed June 10, 2003, for which the shortened statutory response date is September 10, 2003. Please reconsider the Application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

Applicants believe that no fees are due for this Response, other than the fee for addition of two of the three new dependent Claims, for which a fee sheet is attached. However, if Applicants are in error as to this opinion, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee or amount to our Deposit Account No. 04-1512.

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### PRELIMINARY REMARKS

The present Response has been prepared under the belief that the pending Claims are those having the wording of the Claims of PCT/US00/19418, as amended August 30, 2001. If this belief is in error, then Applicants request clarification of the form of the Claims.

Applicants also note that original Claim 18 was filed as a multiply dependent claim containing 9 dependencies. If the fee for this claim has not yet been paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee for this multiply dependent claim to our Deposit Account No. 04-1512.

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